



## British Research on Findmypast.com

Findmypast.com is a treasure trove for finding your British ancestors and doing British family history research! Learn how to use it effectively to find specific British databases and what records are new to the site!

### Objective

At the end of this webinar, you will learn different ways and methods to effectively use Findmypast.com to search for your ancestors!

### Accessing Findmypast.com

Findmypast.com is a subscription website. Many of the records are accessible for free in a local FamilySearch Center or a FamilySearch affiliate library. Go to [www.familysearch.org/centers/about](http://www.familysearch.org/centers/about) to find a local center near your home.

### Types of records found on Findmypast.com

- Church
- Census
- Court
- Probate
- Military
- Newspapers
- Tax
- Immigration
- Schools
- Directories

### Using Findmypast.com

While you can search for your ancestor on the main page of Findmypast.com, you can also search specific record sets for the country and county where your ancestor came from in the British Isles and Ireland.

1. Go to [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk) and sign in.
2. Click Search.
3. Click the 'Search all records' button or the 'All Record Sets' button to find a specific record.

### Search All Records

Begin by typing in information about your ancestor. Watch how the search results will change when you add or take away information.

To the left of the screen is the 'All Categories' feature. You can see how many records are included in each record category for the ancestral name you entered. See how the results will change by adding or taking away information.

### Useful links & Expert tips

Various useful links including articles for 'Using Wildcards,' and 'Expert Search Tips.'

## All Record Sets

The 'All Record Sets' button allows you to search for records in a specific country, county, or by a specific record.

Search for county-specific records:

- In the search box type the country or county: i.e., Yorkshire, Shropshire, Middlesex, etc.

Search by country-specific records:

- In the search box type the country and then add the record set: i.e., England baptisms, England marriages, England probate, Ireland Census, Ireland baptisms, etc.

Search by subject/record-specific records:

- In the search box type the name of the subject/record: i.e., British Army, Ireland pension, Workhouse, etc.

## Search Results

- Findmypast.com has a great search results feature. Even before looking at the results, you can determine how many results there are and how close of a match you have.

## Indexes and images viewed

Findmypast.com has a great feature for keeping track of the indexes and images that you have already viewed. This helps keep track of which links you have already click to view.

## My Records

Findmypast.com has an amazing feature for keeping track of every image that you view. After viewing an image, the stie will store that image for future viewing in the My Records tab. When you click the My Records tab, you will be able to view all images every viewed. In addition, you will be able to mark, tag, and keep notes on every image. If you no longer want the image saved, simply delete it.

## Image features

When viewing images notice the image menu bar. With these tools you can do the following:

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| • Add to the Findmypast Tree  | • Center the image                   |
| • Print the image             | • View the image on full screen      |
| • Download and save the image | • Change the brightness of the image |
| • Report image error          | • Change the contrast of the image   |
| • Rotate the image            | • Zoom in or out on the image        |

## What's New

To see what's new on Findmypast.com or what new records have been added do the following:

1. At the top of the screen click 'Help & more.'
2. Click What's new.